# **GANG SURRENDERS**

# U. G. I. Company Has Its Gas Lease Ordinance Withdrawn.

### MAYOR WEAVER'S VICTORY.

### Boss Durham Feared Disruption of Philadelphia Machine.

Organization Heads Hold a Conference and President Dolan of the Gas Company Wants the Fight Continued-Durham

Such a Course Is Followed, and Finally Was Fast Winning Converts to the Mayor - The Organization Plans to Continue Its Fight Against Him.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.-At 2 o'clock this afternoon citizens in the neighborhood of the City Hall and the tall building of the United Gas Improvement Company observed with some curlosity a large American flag drop from the pole on the top of the U. G. I. Building and settle to the roof. The lowering of the flag at that particular moment was without special intention but it

soon seemed to have peculiar significance. Two minutes afterward the whole city knew, it seemed, that Thomas Dolan, president of the United Gas Improvement Company, had sent letters to the Presidents of the Councils withdrawing the offer of his corporation to pay the city \$25,000,000 for the privilege of extending its lease fiftythree years after its termination in 1927. The news spread with extraordinary rapidity. Men at work in their shops caught a word of it, rushed into the street to get more and remained there to spread it farther. Bunting appeared at windows like magic; a band or two started playing somewhere; the fever of the good news appeared to be intoxicating. Customers of barbers sprang from their chairs and took to the street, some of them half lathered; newsboys tired themselves out furnishing extras to citizens, who grabbed at them voraciously.

FEARED DISRUPTION OF THE MACHINE. The United Gas Improvement Company had struck its colors, but not until President Dolan was convinced that further

antagonism of the public would be pure folly and would lead certainly to the absolute disruption of the Republican machine already shaken and battered by the furious hammering given it by Mayor Weaver and public opinion.

Israel Durham himself counseled surrender, and in the opinion of Philadelphians who see to the bottom of things, the boss never played a shrewder game nor turned neater trick, even though the gas lease had to go by the board. While Mayor Weaver is a popular hero to-night in this city, and the brilliant James Gay Gordon and useful John M. Mack are praised in no small measure, it is to Durham, the crafty. that the public mind turns with something approaching admiration, with the applause that goes to the bold and skilful, even in

Nobody intimately acquainted with the present situation denies for a moment that Durham has not only kept the organization fairly intact, but that he has succeeded in placing the Mayor in a lamentable hole by his surrender to the public and the withdrawal of the gas lease proposition. The Mayor wins laurels, but he will pay dear for them, wise men believe.

U. G. I. WAS LOSING COUNCILMEN.

The end of the bitter struggle, so far as the gas deal, which has convulsed this steady, slow acting city as has nothing for a quarter of a century, is concerned. came tamely enough. With dawn this morning the belief had come to something like a certainty that Durham, with all his power, and the U. G. I., with all its inducements, would never be able to hold in line enough Councilmen to pass the gas lease ordinance over the Mayor's veto.

Threats, entreaty, contempt and the unanswerable arguments of trade had done their work with the weakest kneed of the men who helped pass the ordinance. They were falling away from Durham and U. G. I. and flocking to Weaver and respectability. The machine's support was melting like a cake of ice on a hot sidewalk. The Mayor had made gains that astonished his foes. Councilmen who had sworn by all that was good and bad that they would turn a deaf ear to the public and swing the ordinance over the Mayor's head slipped into Weaver's office and told him. cometimes with tears in their eyes, that they simply could not stand to be ostracized by friends and neighbors and treated like the dirt under foot. Would he please take them back and give them a letter written on his official paper so they could show it to their constituents in proof of recantation? By noon to-day it was figured that Mayor Weaver needed only seven more votes in the Select Council and ten in the Common Council to protect his veto. Six Councilmen, three of whom had boasted that they would never go back on Durham as long as there was a sun in the heavens, ate their words and called on the Mayor before noon.

The defection of Selectman George B. Edwards from the Twenty-second ward, Germantown, was a blow that jarred the gasmen. It finished them and brought about Boss Durham's advice to Dolan to quit while there was a chance to save the carcass. Edwards is one of the oldest members of the Council. He is a member of the sub-committee on finance which steered the gas lease ordinance through. He was regarded by the gang as absolutely

But the people of Germantown turned on him. His neighbors did not see him when he bowed. His customers informed him that he need not count upon their trade. His wife implored him to stand up for the right. He went to Weaver.

DOLAN WANTED FIGHT CONTINUED. The man most interested in the salvation of the gas lease ordinance went first at 9 o'clock this morning to the office of Israel Durham, in the Betz Building. President

MAY IGNORE ELIGIBLE LIST. Mr. McAdoe May Stick to Acting Details

-In Doubt About Questions Asked. Police Commissioner McAdoo threatened yesterday that if the Civil Service Commissioners do not give him a satisfactory eligible list for police promotions he will not use the list, but will make temporary appointments so long as he is in office. Just what moved the Commissioner to make the statement was not apparent. The subject had not been broached by the newspaper men.

"I have not been consulted," said he, with reference to the questions for inspectors and other grades, and I do not know on what lines the examinations are cast. Of course I take it that the whole machinery of the examinations is most carefully and scrupulously safeguarded. But I have heard at second hand that some of the questions propounded were in reference to what course they would pursue under certain police conditions.

"Who is to judge of the merits of the answers to such questions I do not know. He ought to be some one who has personal and professional experience in the matter Foresees Vast Injury to the Machine if of police work. I doubt if any outsider could make a decision on the merits of

> "It is only just to myself and the gentlemen whom I have asked in to advise me, that the public should know that my discretion in making permanent promotions is limited entirely to the lists presented to me by the commission, and my power to make rejections from the lists is likewise quite limited. The fountain head, therefore, is with the Civil Service Commission. I would be very glad indeed to furnish the commission, so far as I could, with the records of the actual police work of these men, if such records counted for any thing in the making up of the final percentages.

> "I have only one power left in the matter, and that is if I found the lists entirely unsatisfactory, looked at from the best police and public point of view, to ignore them and continue acting appointments. If I found myself badly handicapped I would not hesitate to take this course and let the lists lie stagnant as long as I remained

#### MISS ROOSEVELT HITS BULLSEYE. Tries Her Hand at a Rifle Range on Coney Island.

Miss Alice Roosevelt and a party of friends rode to Coney Island last evening in automobiles and made the round of the shows in Luna Park and Dreamland. Miss Roosevelt tried her skill at the rifle range and scored three bullseyes out of five. "Wild Burt." the ex-cowpuncher who is in charge of the rifle range, told Miss Roosevelt that he had known her father in the West. Miss Roosevelt seemed much interested and asked with a smile:

"Can he shoot any better than I can?" "Wild Burt" looked at the recently made score and shook his head, being much too gallant to make comparisons. Miss Roosevelt was accompanied by

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, J. M. Waterbury, J. J. Blair and Lawrence Waterbury. During the party's visit to the park all the electric lights went out and the grounds were left in darkness for twenty minutes. The trouble was caused by the burning out of a transformer in the lighting plant.

#### PEANUTS WITH SUBWAY BOOZE. Reasons for It, Which Began, but Only Began, With the Canary Birds.

Peanuts are now the most prominent provender on the bar of the Subway Tavern the very beautiful Joe Johnson's sanctified. saloon at Bleecker and Mulberry streets. It was established some days ago by the learned Curator Smith of the Central Park Zoo that peanuts have a strange influence on undetermined sex. And it is time that a strange influence was exerted on sex in Mulberry street, says Johnsonus Pulcher.

The trouble showed itself in the case of Coddy, the Canary bird. Coddy was the consort of Potty, a gentleman bird of magnificent voice and great ambition. In the fulness of time, the Coddy-Potty family was increased by five little canaries, or rather canariesses, for they were all songless, simple, housekeeping lady canary bird babylets. This did not worry the beautiful Joe Johnson or his beautiful manager, Joe Jansen. But Coddy and Potty have never been quite themsel

The next demonstration at the Sign of the Subway was that of Becky, the Upstairs Cat. The Becky babies were fine babies-but they were all kittenesses. There were seven of them.

Bill, the father, wandered from his own fireside. He got down into the rathskeller. Becky, or Mrs. Bill, became very bitter. She refused to associate with Bill any more. She cut him out. She made his ears look like Irish lace. She did him to a frazzle. And Bill apparently went to the Feline Supreme Court of South Dakota and got a divorce for incompatibility of temperament. At any rate Sarah, the rathskeller cat, made up to him and now Sarah has five k ittens.

But all of them are little girl cats.

It will be easily understood that som uneasiness was created in the Subway Tavern by these events. But it was worse than this. Joe Jansen, almost-as-beautifulas-the-boss, has two babies. They are both girls. The beautiful Joe Johnson had but one child. It was a girl, too.

ne child. It was a girl, too. Last Wednesday another baby came into Mr. Johnson's family. It is a girl.

Anybody who likes free peanuts can find them in a large blue bowl at the end of

the Subway Tavern lunch counter.

### WILL BE HIS OWN HANGMAN. Murderer Frank Barker Offers to Press the

Button That Will Release the Trap. LINCOLN, Neb., May 27.-Frank Barker, convicted of the murder of his brother Daniel, and also his brother's wife, and now confined in the Nebraska penitentiary awaiting the noose of the hangman for his double crime, is to be his own execu-

The decree of The Nebraska Supreme Court, which has reviewed Barker's case and affirmed the finding of the jury and the trial court, has fixed the execution for Friday, June 16. The law requires that all legal executions in Nebraska shall be at the penitentiary under the supervision the warden

As Warden Beemer shrinks from the duty of springing the trap, Barker has stepped into the breach and informed the warden that he will be his own hangman. Barker has frankly confessed that he is guilty, and admits that he deserves the punishment which the law prescribes

unishment which the law prescribes.

An electrical contrivance is to control ne trap, connected with a wire running nto Barker's hands. He will be strapped to his hips, but he will have free use of his fingers, and will push the button releasing

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# BRIDGE DRAW WAS DYNAMITED

EXPLOSIVE PUT IN IRON SOCKET IN WHICH THE DRAW TURNS.

A Question Whether It Is the Result of Labor Troubles-Explosion Destroys the Timber Support of the Unfinished Draw and Bends the Big Steel Beams.

Little more is known of a dynamite game which was played in the Hackensack River early yesterday morning than that a great charge of the stuff was exploded in the "shoe." or socket, of the new draw being constructed for use in the passenger bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which crosses near the Turnpike on the outskirts of Jersey City. It made a roar that was heard not only in Jersey City, Newark and Hoboken, but in lower Manhattan and western Brooklyn. It tore into flinders the middle of the crib that supports the draw and cracked and bent the steel beams of the draw itself. It might have wrecked the draw beyond repair were it not that the structure had not yet been bolted and the framework yielded to the concussion where resistance

Who did the job and why they did it are matters of conjecture on the part the Jersey City police and the railroad detectives. Whether the dynamiters accomplished all they wanted to do is another problem that probably won't be solved unless one of them is caught and

neighborhood on its slow way to Newark Bay and is crossed here by the bridges of the Pennsylvania and Lackawanna railroads and the trolley and foot bridges. The Lackawanna bridge is well to the north of the foot bridge. The Pennsylvania bridges, freight and passenger, are just to the south, about 100 feet apart, the passenger bridge, which bears a tremendous traffic daily, being furthest down stream. A new draw was needed for the passenger bridge and the company has been constructing it for about a year. It is about 400 feet long and is framed on a great crib about 90 feet south of the passenger bridge. When finished it is to be moved up stream and elevated into place. The cost of the draw was to be \$500,000.

The draw is less than one-third con structed and is about 200 feet in length. In the center of it is a "shoe," or socket, on which the draw will turn when it's in place It was in this socket that the dynamite was placed. This is positively known, for the socket was destroyed by the explosion. The socket is an iron casting and weighs about 3,000 pounds.

A long fuse was attached to the dynamite, and the powder marks of twenty feet of fuse could be traced along the timbers

That the dynamiters reached the draw in a rowboat was proved conclusively late yesterday afternoon when an abandoned rowboat with only one oar was found on the Jersey City shore about half a mile from the draw. This boat was stolen from a boathouse and when it was taken away in the early morning had two oars. No trace of the second oar could be found resterday.

There has been a recent conflict between the unions and the men in charge of the building of the draw. The railroad does its own bridge building and sticks to the open shop. It was said yesterday that the unions had first tried to annoy the railroad by complainin ment that the company had not obtained permission to obstruct the river with the crib. The outcome of this did not satisfy

ner which entertainment committees were

one of the policemen were withdrawn.

was knocked down and the detectives were

stunned and deafened. from Division Superintendent Aber-

reported that the drawbridge in process of construction in the Hackensack River had little damage was done.

The dynamiting recalled the recent rumor that President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania On this subject Supt. Sheppard said:

have been received by officials of the company. I will say that I have received no has received a threatening letter, so far as Possibly some foreman may have received such a letter and not reported the

If the president of the company had go letter of the kind I might know of it. have not heard that he has received a threat

In regard to the cause of the explosion, dynamite might have been used on the draw bridge by setting it off with an exploder Persons could have operated from a boat using a wire connection to set off the dynamite. The drawbridge could be approached

We sometimes have had trouble with "entertainment committees," this having occurred in the time of the late Sam Parks, who died in Sing Sing prison. I sent for on that occasion, and he straightened that out all right. I have not heard of any such trouble recently.

# French Warship Sent to Crete.

on May 9.

FOG KEEPS THE LINERS OUT. St. Paul, Celtic and Caledonia Supposed to Be at Anchor Off the Hook.

A southeasterly zephyr rolled a heavy fog into the last lap of transatlantic ships that ought to have arrived yesterday and forced them to anchorage last night outside the Hook.

Three of them, the American liner St. Paul, the Anchor liner Caledonia and the White Star giant Celtic, had communicated by wireless with Nantucket just after dawn yesterday, and the officials of the lines expected their ships to dock before

The Anchor Line agent sent out a notice that the Caledonia had broken the record from Glasgow and would be up to her pier last evening. He had not counted on the fog, which the Weather Bureau reported all along the coast from Virginia to Block

None of the three big ships was able to make her presence known to her agents, because none had a sister in port equipped with wireless that could get her. A revenue cutter was held at the Barge Office pier until 7 o'clock dast night waiting for reports from the Hook. No word came out of the dense mist and the customs folks went

#### KILLED IN LUNA PARK. An Athlete Falls Five Stories in "Fire and Flames."

George McLean, one of the firemen in the "Fire and Flames" show in Luna Park, was killed during the 9 o'clock performance last night. McLean was one of a troupe of four acrobats who dress as firemen and run up the front of the burning building on scaling ladders.

McLean failed to hook his ladder securely on the cornice of the building. It gave way under him and he fell five stories to the pavement below. He was taken to the Recention Hospital but died almost immediately after his arrival there.

The audience did not understand that a real tragedy had taken place, as they supposed that the falling man was one of the dummies which are thrown out of windows during the show. There was no excitemen and the show went on as though nothing had happened.

MRS. SHAW TO MARRY A PEER. Sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson Will Wed Lord Revelstoke.

RICHMOND, Va., May 27.-Although no formal announcement has been made, it became known to-day that the marriage of Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw and Lord Reveletoke is to be expected in the not distant future. Mrs. Shaw is a sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and of Mrs Reginald Brooks. Like them, she is famed for her beauty. When a girl she married Robert G. Shaw of Boston, and several years later got a divorce from him.

She has since spent much of her time abroad, and of late has been occupying a residence with Mrs. John Jacob Astor at Market Harborough. She has met Lord Revelstoke frequently, both being fond of hunting and riding. Her intended is the second Lord Reveletoke, John Baring by name, of the famous firm of Baring Bros.

### LEFT OUT IMPORTANT WORD. Wisconsin Senate Must Repass the Rajiway

Rates Commission Bill. Madison, Wis., May 27 .- The omission of the little word "not" in the engrossed copy of the bill passed by the Senate, creating a commission to control and supervis railway rates, makes it necessary to amend the bill and pass it again. Section 33 of the new law was intended to read that 'They" (the orders of the comm'ssion making rates) "shall not be dec-ared inoperative, illegal or void for any omission

of a technical nature in respect thereto." As the bill was actually passed by the Senate it provides that the commission's rulings "shall be declared inoperative," &c., for any omission of a technical nature

in respect thereto. The mistake was discovered by accident by a member of the railroad committee, and had it not been noticed the bill would have become a law and the railway commission would have been shorn of its power. The situation now calls for the repassage of the bill in the Senate with the word "not" back in the section where it be ongs.

### CHILEAN CRUISER FOUNDERS. Commander of the Presidente Pinto Re-

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Santiago, Chile, May 27.- The Chilean cruiser Presidente Pinto has foundered in the Gulf of Ancud, off the southern coast According to one report her commander Capt Whiteside, committed suicide in despair. Another version says he was

drowned. She w s a sister ship of the Presidente Errazuriz, was built of steel, sheathed and coppered and was of 2,047 tons displacement, with 5,400 horse-power. She was built in France and was comp'eted in

## JEROME AFTER TOM O'ROURKE. Delavan Hotel Proprietor Rearrested on

Special Sessions Warrant. District Attorney Jerome procured in Special Sessions yesterday a warrant for the rearrest of Tom O'Rourke, proprietor of the Delavan Hotel, at Broadway and Fortieth street, and Detective Campbell got O'Rourke and took him before Justice Olmsted, who held him under \$500 bail.

O'Rourke's hotel was raided on April 26 by Eggers's men. On May 19, for lack of evidence, Magistrate Whitman, in Jefferson Market, discharged O'Rourke after a hearing on a charge of running a disorderly house.

Under the information act which District Attorney Jerome had passed, he has the right to review any Magistrate's decision. The District Attorney has made no secret of the fact that he is after O'Rourke and has been busy strengthening his case

### SHE LEAPED FROM A WINDOW. Thought She Heard a Burglar, but It Was Only a Sparrow.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., May 27 .- The police received a message this morning that a woman dressed only in a nightgown was in the yard surrounding the home of Dr. Howland, 252 Garden avenue. Rounds

Dr. Howland, 252 Garden avenue. Roundsman Gilroy found that she was a maid employed by Dr. Howland who had jumped from the third story window because she thought she heard burglars in the house. The policeman searched the house for the burglar and found a stray sparrow which had darted into an upstairs window and alarmed the girl. The officer caught the bird and took it to the police station. The girl, although she jumped thirty feet, was unhurt.

# FLEETS MAY BE IN BATTLE.

# Russian Ships Enter Corean Straits and Tokio Hears of Fight.

## TOGO IN GOOD POSITION.

# Japanese Commander Favored Admiralty that the entire fighting strength by the Place of Battle.

Rojestvensky Moves His Fleet North ward in Two Columns, Battleships to Starbeard and Cruisers and Smaller Boats to Port-Cruisers From Vladivostek Believed to Be Steaming South to His Assistance-Separate Engagement May Occur at Saddle Islands, Where Slowest Russian Ships Stayed.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, May 27 .- There is no confirmaion of the rumor of an engagement between the Russian and Japanese fleets in the Tau Shima Straits, but the fact that the

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unimpaired he has earned the title of a master of naval strategy." Other officers of the navy expressed

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confidence in Rojestvensky's ability to outwit or defeat Togo.

#### TOGO'S ADVANTAGE PLAIN. Washington View of a Navat Battle in the Corean Straits.

WASHINGTON, May 27.- The entire fighting strength of the Russian fleet, not including the colliers and smaller vessels which were evidently left behind, probably at the Saddle Islands and at Wusung were this morning headed for the Tsu Shima Straits, a portion of the Corean Straits, according to a despatch received at the State Department late this afternoon from Lloyd C. Griscom, United States Minister to Japan. The following bulletin was issued by the State Department:

"Mr. Griscom, the American Minister at Tokio, has reported to the Department of State the announcement of the Japanese of the Baltic fleet was seen this morning headed for the Tsu Shima Straits."

Government officials here firmly believe that the two fleets will meet within a few hours, if they have not already done so. It is thought that Rojestvensky has left behind him at the Saddle Islands and at Wusung colliers and small vessels which would not only be of little use in battle but which would impede any rapid dash toward Vladivostok by the fighting craft of his

Private advices received here early today, which are regarded as authentic, reported that more than twenty-one Russian vessels were at the Saddle Islands, including three battleships and three cruisers. Later despatches of an official nature report the departure of the six fighting vessels, with the other ships remaining at anchor. despite the protests of the Chinese officials. The battleships and cruisers evidently hastened away to join Rojestvensky in his

Asash o, Harusame, Murasame, Akatsuki, Kasumi, Ikadsuchi, Inazuma, Akebono, Sazanami, Oboro, Sh'nonome, Murakumo, Yugiri, Shiranuhi, Kagero, Usugumo, Asagiro and Hayatori. Torpedo Gun Vessels - Chihaya and Tatsuta. Gunboats-Akagi, Banjo, Oshima, Atago,

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inch, 52 6-inch, 76 12-pounders, 40 23

to 3-pounders; the Chin Yen, 4 12-inch,

Armored Cruisers-Adsuma, Yakumo,

Iurate, Idzumo, Tokiwa, Asama, Kasuga

and Nisshin, with a gun power of 1 10

inch, 30 8-inch, 10 4-inch, 92 12-pounders

Protected Cruisers - Kasagi, Chitose.

Itsukushima, Hashidate, Matsushima,

Kaniwa, Takachico, Akitsushima, Idzumi,

Akashi, Suma, Chiyoda, Niitaka, Tsushima

and Otawa, with a gun power of 3 12.6-

inch, 4 10-inch, 4 8-inch, 36 6-inch, 94 4.7-

inch, 62 12- ounders, 40 6-pounders, 65

Unprotected Cruisers—Takas, Yaegama, Tenrin, Katsuragi, Yamato, Musashi,

Tsukushi and Amagi, in the order of their

Torpedo Poat Destroyers - Sh'akumo,

3-pounders and 20 1-pounders

\*-inch and 2 4-pounders.

42 21/2-pounders.

Maya and Chiokai Coast defense vessels and auxiliaries in proportion to the fleet. Naval authorities in Washington figured

on the information obtainable in April that the balance of gun power was greatly in favor of the Japanese, though the Russians had the greater number of battleships. The difference was accounted for in the superior number and armament of the Japanese cruisers.

The first two squadrons of the Russian fleet started from the Baltic Sea in October, before Port Arthur had fallen, and it was expected that the ships would arrive in time to relieve the blockade of that port. But their progress was slow and marked sensational incidents. At its start the fleet was in a demoralized condition. It had been reported that the Japanese had torpedo boats, bought in England, in the North Sea. When the Russians ran into a British fishing fleet they mistook the trawlers for the feared Japs and opened fire. One fishing boat was sunk, a number damaged and several of the crews killed and wounded. Great Britain made prompt demand for reparation, and for a time the crisis was acute. Finally the affair was submitted to an international court of arbitration, which met in Paris and decided against the Russians. Damages were

The fleet stopped at Cherbourg and then split. Admiral Rojestvensky, with most of his ships, went around the Cape and the rest went through the Suez Canal. The two squadrons met again at Madagascar, where they took on supplies of coal. Crossing the Indian Ocean, they passed through the Straits of Malacca into the South China Sea and steamed along the coast to Saigon and then to Kamranh Bay, French Indo-China.

Here they took on more supplies, and another international crisis arose. THE SUN correspondent, who visited Kamranh Tsu Shima, or Tsu Island, where the Russian ships are reported, is about in the middle Bay and saw the assistance the French authorities were giving to the Russians, attempted to send a dispatch from Saigon describing the conditions. The local French authorities refused to transmit the despatch. Later it was sent from Hongkong, and its publication aroused all Europe be of the apparent violation of neutrality it described. France, finally stirred to action; The fact that Rojestvensky did not meet ordered the Russian ships from its Eastern waters, and Rojestvensky, now fully

#### equipped, sailed north for battle RUSSIA BUYS GERMAN LINER, Pays Big Price for a Failure, the Kaisor

Friedrich. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON. May 28.-Lloyds Weekly News states that Russia has purchased the steamship Kaiser Friedrich, paying therefor £25,000. This vessel was built for the Hamburg-American Steamship Company in 1897 but was not accepted because she failed to make the stipulated 21 knots an hour on her trial trip. The negotiations were conducted in London through a French already refused to accede to the demands of agent, who, it is understood, has arranged to have the vessel armed with Creusob

## WE TO BUY SAKHALIN. Paris Hears a Report That United States

Has Made an Offer. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PARIS. May 27.-A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Pet't Parisien says it is rumored the United States has offered to purchase Sakhalin Island from Russia, and that the offer has been accepted.

# Japan's Demand on China.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Tokio, May 27.-The Japanese Governe ment has demanded of the Chinese Government that the Russian ships at Shanghai or Wusung, which have been in the Chinese port over twenty-four hours, be disarmed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 27.- The report that the cable between Shanghai and Chefoo had been cut proves to have been inaccurate. The cable was interrupted as the result of an accident.

Cable to Chefoo Not Cut.

#### Japanese Capture a Town. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

Tokio. May 27.- An official report from military headquarters in Manchuria says that Japanese cavalry on Tuesday drove the Russians out of Szumiencheng, eighteen miles north of Changtu, and occupied the

#### PROTEST AT NAN PATTERSON. Righteous Wilkesbarre Folk Try to Prevent Her Theatrical Appearance There.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 27 .- Many protests followed the announcement to-day that Nan Patterson will appear at the Nesbit Theater here next Tuesday as the star in a musical comedy called "A Romance of Panama." Ministers, prominent women and laymen called Mayor Kirkendall by telephone or waited upon him personally to decry the proposed performance as a disgrace to the city and ask him to do all in his power to prevent it.

The arguments were that Nan Patterson

is appearing merely because of the notoriety she achieved in the trials for murder; that her past life as revealed by the trials is such that she should not be paraded and exploited, and that it would be a lasting shame if the performance is allowed here.

Mayor Kirkendall said to-night that he agreed with those who protest, but that he did not see how he was legally empow-

ne did not see how he was legally empowered to prevent the production if the theater managers insist upon having it. He presented the protests in general form to the menagers of the theater, however, and will have a conference with them to-morrows.

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would have meant destruction.

The Hackensack flows southwest in this

under the draw.

the unions. A few weeks ago there was violence foreman of construction, William Muchon, was called out of his office and set upon by six men, whom he said he recognized as union bridgeworkers, and terribly beaten. Several of his teeth were knocked out, his face was hammered, and he had "the boots put to him" in the man-

wont to prescribe in the days of Sam Parks The Pennsylvania company sent several detectives to guard its workmen, and six Jersey City policemen went to the spot not only to see that the draw builders were safe, but to prevent labor troubles at gas works in the neighborhood. There was no further trouble and a few days ago all but

At the time of vesterday morning's blow-up three railroad detectives were on duty about the bridge, and William Knapp, a watchman, was cleaning a boiler of the piledriver moored close to the new None of them saw or heard any thing until the flash and the roar. Knapp

General Superintendent Sheppard of the Pennsylvania received the following report

crombie: At 1:32 o'clock this morning a watchman been blown up. Later advices are that very

had received letters threatening his life. As to the report that threatening letters

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, May 27.- The Temps says that the armored cruiser Kléber, now at Bona, Algiers, has received orders to proceed to Canea, Crete, which is the center of the Cretan movement for annexation to Greece and to which two Italian ships of war, with 1.800 marines on board, were despatched

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SCENE OF THE NAVAL BATTLE.

JAPAN SEA

#### of the Straits of Cores. At high water, as shown on the map, it becomes two islands, a channel then separating the highest parts. The western channel is about thirty miles wide and the eastern about twenty-five. If the Russian feet is victorious in battle or if it evades the Japanese warships it still has 650 miles to go to reach Vladivostok, its

& SADDLE ISLANDS

to lend support thereto Special significance is attached to the the fact that Admiral Rojestvensky's main fleet, steaming in two columns, the battleships to starboard and the cruisers and gunboats to port, has appeared in the Tsu Shima Straits, all information of to-day's

historic events are withheld or transmission It is believed that the words "historic events" escaped the censor's notice and that they were meant to convey the intimation that something beyond the arrival of Rojestvensky had happened in the Tsu Shima

# TORIO HEARS OF BATTLE.

Tokio, May 27.- Tokio was stirred early to-day by the announcement that the Russian fleet was off Tsu Shima in the Straits of Corea, and that the long expected naval

battle was imminent. The first report of the presence of Rojestvensky's ships thus far north came from Sasebo. Orders were immediately issued suspending navigation in the Corean Straits. The report was soon confirmed by an

announcement from the Admiralty that

the full strength of the Russian sea force in the Far East had been seen heading for Later rumors were current that the engagement had begun in the afternoon, Admiral Togo advancing from his base at Masampho, Corea, to meet the Russians.

day off Iturup Island, one of the Kurile chain, between northern Japan and Kamchatka. It is believed that the Russian warships at Vladivostok have left that port and started south, possibly with the purpose of aiding Rojestvensky in the fight with

It was also reported to-day that five

Russian warships were sighted last Tues-

#### Togo. So far as known there were only two cruisers there in condition to fight. RUSSIA EXPECTED TOGO TO ATTACK.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 27.- The Admiralty this evening expressed the opinion that a naval battle might be expected at any moment. The Japanese would probably not delay in making an attack.

That is the official opinion. Meanwhile, the public is stirred by rumors that Admiral Rojestvensky has won a victory. The fact that this was a holiday, the anniversary of the Czar's coronation, gave greater scope to the public enthusiaam over the reported victory.

Admiral Wirenius of the General Staff

"If Rojestvensky has cleared the Corean

Strait he has open water ahead. If he has

succeeded in mystifying the enemy and

of the Navy said:

entered the Japanese Sea with his force THE SECOND EMPIRE. A new fast train on the New York Central leaves Grand Central Station 2:30 P. M., arrives Albany 5:20, Utica 7:14, Syracuse 3:32, Rochester 8:36, Buf-falo 11:30 P. M. No excess Fare.—Ads,

Japanese are censoring telegrams seems start through the Corean Straits for Vladi-

vostok. Special significance is attached to the any Japanese warships in passing north-lokio despatch announcing that "beyond" ward between Formosa and the Island of Luzon of the Philippines group indicates very clearly that Togo has his fleet centered in the Corean Straits, very near home, and where he can fight to a great advantage. If Togo has any cruisers in or about Formosa these will probably follow the Russian fleet northward, and possibly will make an ttack on the Russian vessels at Saddle Islands. If the Japanese want to attempt to capture the colliers and other craft at the Saddle Islands there would probably be no hesitancy in making an effort on account of fear of violating Chinese neutrality, inasmuch as the Russians have apparently

> the Chinese officials to depart from the The newspaper despatches relative to the presence of Russian warships at Wusung have been confirmed by advices received at he State Department from several sources

# HOW THE FLEETS COMPARE.

Russians Have More Battleships, but Japanese Gun Power Is Superior. All comparisons of the two fleets have been made without official information from Tokio as to what ships Admiral Togo would use in the battle. It is known quite accurately what vessels Rojestvensky took from the Baltic to the Far East and what reenforcements afterward joined him. It has been necessary to assume that Togo would use practically the full strength of

the Japanese Navy. In that event the

#### fleets would size up about as follows: Battleships-Alexander III., Borodino, Orel, Suvaroff and Oslyabia, with a gun power of 16 12-inch, 4 10-inch, 58 6-inch, 100 12-pounders and 100 3-pounders; the

12-inch and 2 6-inch. Armored Cruisers - Nakhimoff, Dmitri Donskoi, with a gun power of 14 6-inch. 20 4.7-inch. 19 3 and 1-pounders; Vladin ir Monomach, 5 6-inch, 6 4.7-inch and smaller Protected Cruisers-Olig, Aurora, Sviet-

Sissoi Veliki and Navarin, 8 12-inch, 14

6-inch and 26 3-pounders; the Nicolai, 2

lana, Semtchug, Izumrud and Almoz, with a gun power of 26 6-inch, 34 12-pounders and 42 3 and 1-pounders. Coast Defense Vessels-Oushakoff, Seniavine and Afrakain, with a gun power of 3 10-inch and 4 9-inch.

Buiny, Bystry, Bezupretshny, Blestiashty, Bravy, Bodry, Gromki, Grosniy, Presorlivy, Rezitky and Riany. Unconverted Merchant Steamers-Kuban, Terek, Ural, Rion and Dneiper, with small fighting strength, but of value as

Torpedo Boat Des troyers - Biedory

Repair Ship-Xenia. Hospital Ship-Kostroma. Transports (reported)-Okean, Veronej, Tambaff, Yaroslav, Orel, Kamtchatka, Kieff, Vladimir, Korea, Meteor, Kitai, Jupiter, Esperanza (cold storage ship)

Balloon Ship-Russ.

### Rattleships-Mikasa, Asahi, Shikishima and Fuji, with a gun power of 16 12-

Mercury, Anadir and Gortschakoff.

Pain's Fireworks for the 4th. Examine the stickless rockets and other novel is at 12 Park place, New York.—Ade.